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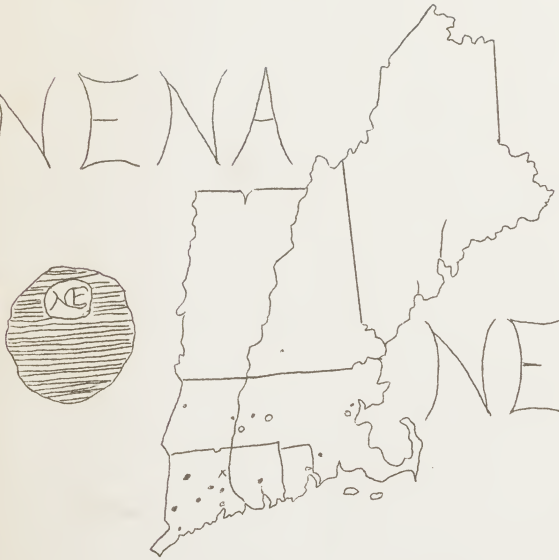

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we of the Springfield Coin Club this year once again have the privilege of hosting the New England Numismatic Association convention. You can rest assured that we will bend every effort to make this one of the best attended and interesting conventions yet. Arrangements have been made with the Sheraton Kimball Hotel as convention headquarters for 1961. The convention date is Saturday and Sunday October 14th and 15th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for bestowing the trust of the presidency upon me. It is the highest honor in NENA and I will do my best to justify your confidence in electing me.

We are fortunate to have the capable services of Mr. Howard E. Davis as Executive secretary of NENA. Howard is a very well known figure in numismatic circles. He is a past president of the Hartford Numismatic society, a past president of NENA and a present director. We will unite our efforts with Howard's to make a closer relationship exist between NENA and the affiliate clubs and members.

EVERETT H. TOWNSEND, JR.
PRESIDENT

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Nena News in this its first issue of 1961 extends to all coin collectors and clubs in New England its wish for a prosperous and intersting New Year. It appears to be a general opinion that during the last few years an increase in the hobby of coin collecting has been evident, not only in the younger generation but in older persons also. The fascination of acquiring new items for one's collection and the chance of getting a rare one occasionally, has hightened numismatic enthusiasms. Many clubs have increased in membership and there are new and helpful sources of information available. All sorts of catalogues, lists, holders and other supplies have been put out to help the collector.

NENA looks forward to 1961 as an interesting year and we plan to have in the future issues of the NEWS items and articles of interest, information about new issues, auctions, conventions, and club meetings and ads from New England dealers. The annual conference in October will be sponsored by the Springfield Coin Club which in 1962 will celebrate its 50th There will be a brief article about the Club's history and occasionally Everett Townsend, Jr., president of the Club, will have a message for you. We hope also to have articles from various NENA member organizations to tell us the history of their clubs. Numismatic notes or articles are hereby solicited from the New England club members to be used NENA NEWS.

DR. EVERETT E. THOMPSON

NEWS OF OUR MEMBER-CLUBS.

There are still a few of the Member-Clubs of previous years that have not as yet signed up or paid dues for 1961. It is hoped that they will not delay any longer. Membership cards have been mailed to all that have sent in their dues. There are others who have paid their dues but have not completed and sent back all their papers.

A copy of the By-Laws has been sent to the Secretary of each Club that has become a member and also to all known representatives.

We would like to receive news of our Clubs for publication in the NENA News. We at this time would also like to receive some application for N.E.N.A. Convention for 1963. You must be a Member-Club to be able to apply for the Convention for your City. Northhampton will be the Convention city for 1962.

THE NORWALK COIN CLUB

meets every third Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at the Nathan Hale Junior High School, Strawberry Hill Road, Norwalk, Conn.

Arthur Bower	President	Louis Nagy	Vice-President
Joseph Coscia Jr.	Secretary	Ruth H. Young	Treasurer

Approximately 50 Adult members and 20 Junior members belong to this Club.

CHESHIRE COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Holds its meetings every third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Health Office Auditorium, Keene, New Hampshire. Organization was started in 1950; it is the only Club of this kind in New Hampshire and has about 50 members. Its Officers are;

Charles A. Nims	President	Christina MacPherson	Vice-Present
Walter Goodnow	Secretary	Helen Davis	Treasurer

THE HARTFORD NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Hartford Numismatic Society of Hartford, Conn., wishes to announce that they are holding their 27th Annual Banquet Meeting on April 19, 1961, and as always in the past, members of our brother and sister organization are invited.

PLACE: Masonic Hall 11 So. Main Street, West Hartford, Conn.
DATE: Wednesday, April 10th, 1961
TIME: 6:30 P. M.
DINNER: Smorgasbord "all you can eat"
PRICE: $ 3.50 per person.
SPEAKER: From Boston Mass.

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TO THE PROVIDENCE GROUP
and others

Many thanks to the Providence group who served the New England Numismatic Association Inc. in building and carrying on our 1960 Convention so well. Having to build and carry out a satisfactory program for our Convention with such odds against them as a National Convention, which was held two months previous and only a few miles away, should give rise to plenty of applause and congratulations for this group. A JOB WELL DONE.

We also at this time wish to acknowledge and publicly thank Governor Del Sesto for his contribution to our Convention while in Providence. We wish also to thank all of those who went out of their way to make our stay in Providence a pleasant one the Hotel management, Public Officials, and others. Our Dealers and Auction Managers who year after year have helped to make N.E.N.A. a success, are given our many, many thanks for their contributions.

There are two members of our regional staff who should receive out thanks and congratulations for a job well done. These are two retiring members; John Kittredge who has been a past President and a member of the Board of Directors for three years. John retired as an official at the close of the business meeting in October. Clifford Howe, who has carried a very heavy load for the past three years.and, due to pressure of business, finds he cannot carry on both, has resigned his office of Executive Secretary of N.E.N.A. Not Not only for the past three years have these two gentlemen worked successfully for N.E.N.A. but for many many years previously have given much time and effort to the cause of our Association Many, Many Thanks, John and Cliff.

Board of Directors: Everett Townsend Jr.
Dr. Francis Constable
Howard E. Davis Sr.

N.E.N.A. Inc. CONVENTION

OCTOBER 16, 1960

Excerpts from the Business Meeting.

At the Business Meeting October 16, 1960

#1. The resignation of Clifford Howe of North Grafton, Mass., as Executive Secretary, was read and was granted, to take effect at the close of this business meeting. Howard E. Davis Sr. of 53 Scott St East Hartford, Conn., was then appointed to serve three years as the Executive Secretary, to take effect at the time of Mr. Howe's resignation.

#2. That at least one set of each years N.E.N.A. Medals including the Providence 1960 Convention be set aside and placed in the archives of "The New England Numismatic Association Inc."

#3. That a more careful check of our membership and our publication be gone over.

#4. That a financial report of the Convention's activities be published each year in the first edition of our publication N.E.N.A News, following our Convention.

#5. That the Member-Clubs that are affiliated with N.E.N.A. be contacted to help with additional funds which are needed, by giving an extra $ 7.00 in addition to the present membership fee of $ 3.00. This was to help stableize our present fixed expenses.

#6. That Springfield, Mass., be our 1961 Convention City with;-

Everett Townsend Jr.,	President
John Skribiski	Vice-President
Edward P. Cignoni	Treasurer

#7. That Northampton, Mass. be our Convention City for 1962.

#8. All articles that were tabled at the 1959 Convention were acted upon and our business meeting in '61 will start with a clean slate.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Secretary.

YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As Executive Secretary of the New England Numismatic Association, Inc. I will do my best to carry on the duties of keeping N.E.N.A. as one of the top regional organizations.

With the above thoughts in mind I ask that our Member-Clubs, its members, and our own members, give me their utmost support. There are a great many among you who know me personally, others who know of me, and many others who I would like to know. Many of you that know me, know that I have the highest regards for Numismatics and its education. You also know that I have done much to fulfill the duties that have been previously assigned to me by past Officers of the New England Numismatic Association.

For our newer members and others I would like to revert back to a little of the History of our New England group as I have seen it in the past. My first Convention (and I was pretty green) was in 1950 at Hartford, Conn., with the New England group, and what a nice group that was! I became a member of the N.E.N.A. group at that Convention. It was new to me but I was impressed. A small group of people, which had gathered together for the purpose of collecting, showing, and educating themselves through the medium of "Hobbies", the mystyfying subject of "Monies", the oldest business in the world, dating way back in the years B.C. Many were buying coins, others trading, and still others obtaining theirs through the medium of an Auction. These were the Collectors of old, each working to build his or her small part of this intrinsic study of "Numismatics"

Another part which impressed me was the donation of small gifts as door prizes by the Dealers. This tradition has been carried on through the years in the selfsame fashion as back in 1950. I wonder

if "Dealers and members alike" realize what an important part this plays in shortening that breach commercialism, thus bringing closer together dealers and buyers.

I would like to relate one small instance in regard to myself at that Hartford Convention in 1950. I had won one of those prizes which was a small walnut box, 4½" x 5½" and 1½" deep, with this shield of inscription on the box "Arthur Conn, Dealer in Rare Coins, Melrose, Mass." I think a lot of that box, it was my first Convention, and to this day I use it to put my Convention Badges in. I have attended every Convention since that date and my box is getting pretty full now. But "Time" changes everything. Our groups are more commercialized, and rightly so. We have to depend on commercialism in order to be able to hold these Conventions. What seems to be wrong is that in the past few years our Educational Programs seem to have partically fallen by the wayside, and I make this appeal at this time, "Lets do something about it". Lets have more exhibits at our Conventions of a type that will tell a story, and not how much it cost. Also our N.E.N.A. News, which has been suffering from lack of educational material and news of our "Member-Clubs". Material for publication can be sent to the Executive Secretary, who will see that it gets into the proper hands.

Not only have our Conventions been witnessing a change but also our system. In 1956 at the Springfield, Mass., Business Meeting the system of Executive Secretary and a representation of each Member-Club was injected into our system. In 1958 at Worcester, Mass., The New England Numismatic Association became an Incorporated organization under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, with a partial change in our By-Laws. With these things in mind, I'm sure that most of us can understand the changing traditions of the past

and how they concern the present day.

With respect as to what has transpired down through the years, I propose that our membership become stronger by embracing all the Clubs of New England and bring them closer to N.E.N.A. through the medium of The Advisory Council, which has been provided in the By-Laws for that purpose.

That all members and "Member-Clubs" pay their dues direct to the Executive Secretary and the Secretary in turn send to each member a membership card.

That henceforth a "Member-Club," which is going to be the Host Club of the Convention be given proper notice to that effect at least 2 years in advance, to allow them plenty of time to make contracts, for their Auction and Hotel.

That more Numismatic Education be defeloped through our quarterly issue of N.E.N.A. News, and at our Conventions.

There are other things that will develop as time rolls on but I believe that above will serve to strengthen and bind closed together our New England group for a better and greater "New England Numismatic Association."

Howard E. Davis, Sr.
Executive Secretary

Report of the 1960 N.E.N.A. Convention.

The complete success of any meeting, conference or convention is dependent upon certain factors which must be properly planned and co-ordinated.

One of the most important factors in bringing any such undertaking to a successful conclusion is the willingness of the elected and appointed persons to fulfill the obligations which they assume.

Preparations for the 1960 convention were started the day following the 1959 Hartford Convention. Mr. Fred Bushnell was appointed General Chairman and on the same day full accomodations were made at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I.

Each month after October all of the Directors and the Executive Secretary met in Worcester to discuss business of N.E.N.A. in general and plans for the Convention. All of the local (R. I.) officers were in frequent contact. Many such things as the purchase of stationery, medals and prizes were obtained early in the year. A month before the convention only a few very minor details remained to be completed.

As to the success of the convention we should ask ourselves what constitutes success in such an event. Is it a large registration, large amount of business in the dealers' bourse, auction bargains or profits, attractive exhibits or prominent speakers? It could be just an all around pleasant association between collectors and dealers with each satisfying their desires by selling, buying, displaying or inspecting. To many it was an oppotunity to be with old friends again in a sociable atmosphere while at the same time accumulating numismatic knowledge.

Numerous verbal reports indicated that all of the dealers were, except for slight overcrowding, very pleased in all respects. Thanks to Mr. John Kittredge for a splended job in handling the Bourse affairs.

Reactions on the style of auction were divided but in general there was a generous amount of superb, well diversified material from which many successful bidders went away very satisfied.

Many fine compliments were spontaneously offered for the exhibition and congratulations from all of us are extended to Howard E. Davis for his splended exhibit which won for him the highest rating and the Governor Del Sesto Award.

The Buffet and Banquet both were well patronized with a higher percentage of the registrations than usual. About onehalf of the total registrations attended the Buffet. There were sixty members at the Banquet.

The business was short, precise, pleasant and dignified. At the end of the previous year with sixty dollars already expended from the 1961 budget.

Many thanks are extended to Mr. Fred Bushnell for his efficient and amiable conduct of the convention. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Fred Bushnell who did such a magnificent job at the registration desk.

Francis W. Constable

REMARKS ON 1960

The majority of members of any club, including the New England Numismatic Association, have great hopes that their club activities will all be successful.

Two very important facts concerning the welfare of this Asssociation are reluctantly reported. The same facts could be and have applied to other clubs and societies.

Several unfounded and definitely unjust criticisms have been generously circulated about some of the activities of N.E.N.A. A tremendous amount of harm can be done to any organization by unwarranted, particilarly false remarks. They are out of place in any group. Usually it is not possible to tell everyone the reasons why certain things are done or why decisions are made but when they are known it is found that they were done with the best interests of everyone at heart. Constructive criticism is invited and should be given full consideration.

Another very bad situation occurs when an officer or committee chairman fails to fulfill the obligation which he has assumed. He not only does harm to the organizztion directly but indirectly causes dissension among its members. If such a person finds that he cannot render full service in his elected or appointed position he should ask for release from the obligation.

This year we are happy to announce that all of the officers and appointed persons officially associated with N.E.N.A. are extremely anxious to serve our association to the best of their ca~abe;otoes.